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1. DURING THE COURSE OF A LUNCHEON CONVERSATION (DECEMBER 17), YOSHINO ODAKA, MINISTER OF JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE, CONFIRMED TO DCM MOST OF THE PRINCIPAL POINTS REGARDING JAPANESE CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING BANGKOK (NOVEMBER 25-27) CONTAINED IN REFTEL.
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ODAKA
SAID THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT USG WOULD BE BRIEFED IN DETAIL ABOUT THE MEETING EITHER IN TOKYO OR WASHINGTON; HOWEVER, HE OFFERED TO RESPOND TO ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WE MIGHT HAVE RE THE MEETING AND TO PROVIDE AMPLIFICATION ON ANY POINTS ON WHICH WE MIGHT WISH ADDITIONAL DETAIL. BECAUSE OF

CAVEAT CONTAINED IN REFTTEL DCM MADE NO REFERENCE TO CONVERSATION WITH NISHIYAMA.

2. ODAKA SAID THAT JAPAN'S ASEAN AMBASSADORS HAD ARGUED STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF CLOSER JAPANESE TIES WITH ASEAN AND BILATERALLY WITH ITS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. ODAKA STATED THAT THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO HANOI HAD HELD OUT FOR GREATER ATTENTION TO VIETNAM, ARGUING THAT THIS WAS NECESSARY TO KEEP THE VIETNAMESE OUT OF THE RUSSIAN ORBIT (SIC). IN THE END, ACCORDING TO ODAKA, THEIR MAN IN HANOI AGREED TO GO ALONG WITH THE POLICY RECOMMENDATION OF GREATER ATTENTION TO ASEAN AND THE NON-COMMUNIST NATIONS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. ODAKA DESCRIBES THEIR AMBASSADOR TO VIETNAM AS A SOVIET EXPERT WITH AT LEAST TEN YEARS EXPERIENCE IN THE USSR. ODAKA OBVIOUSLY CONSIDERS ARGUMENT NAIVE THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION BY JAPAN TO VIETNAM IS LIKELY TO INFLUENCE HANOI ONE WAY OR THE OTHER IN TERMS OF ITS RELATIONS WITH OR DEPENDENCE ON THE SOVIET UNION.

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